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JULY 29, 2008

MEDICARE PART D

One of the main priorities for the County of Los Angeles is to provide our residents with the highest quality and most comprehensive healthcare possible. While there are financial constraints and other challenges facing the Department of Health Services (DHS), we believe that the provision of prescription drugs for patients in our systems is an essential component of our mission. It is our understanding that DHS facilities are not accepting Medicare Part D. Given the fact that Medicare is a major provider of prescription drug coverage in our nation, there is concern that DHS has decided to decline to participate in the Medicare Part D program.

In fact, for the past year, concerns have been raised to the management at DHS to no avail. On June 5, 2007, this Board approved a motion by Supervisor Burke requesting a 15-day report back on this issue. On June 20, 2007, we received a preliminary report indicating that a final report would be issued within 90 days (September 2007). Despite repeated requests from staff for the final report, to date we have received neither the report itself, nor a satisfactory answer. Given the healthcare needs of our population, it is crucial that the Chief Executive Officer and the Department of Health Services make any changes necessary to correct this problem.

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WE, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work in concert with the Acting Director of the Department of Health Services to conduct a comprehensive analysis, citing all the pros and cons, of enabling our healthcare system to accept Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

WE, FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back his findings and recommendations as a set item at the Board of Supervisors regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

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